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MEETING NOTICE: The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association will meet this month at 7:30 pm on December 14 at the Security Savings and Loan Association Building on the corner of East Platte and Union. All interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. We will have as special guest Chic Cotterell WØSIN, the Director of the ARRL's Rocky Mountain Region. So bring some questions and comments (and maybe some praise, if you'd like), and Chic will bring us some news on ARRL and the FCC and hams and radio.

HOSPITAL SANTA: Saturday, December 10 will see Gordy Denno WBØTIC and a dozen helpers on the pediatric wards of five local hospitals giving the children confined there the chance to chat with Santa Claus about their Christmas wishes. The magic of radio will naturally be employed to connect them with the deeper magic of Christmas.

NEW NOVICE AND UPGRADING CLASSES will begin on January 17 at North Jr High. Code will be on Tuesdays and theory on Thursdays, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm after the usual custom. Anyone interested is invited and encouraged to attend.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING of the PPRAA was convened at 7:30 pm by WØWYZ Ray Uberecken at Security Savings and Loan.

The October minutes were approved by the membership as printed in Zero Beat.

WBØPNX Dick reported a balance of \$456.99 in the checking account.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held December 2 at Pete Field NCO Club.

WØRNT Chuck indicated CCARC was being rejuvenated. Club dues to CCARC is 20¢ per member. WBØPAJ Frank is updating the local directory for CCARC.

Santa's Toyland Net will be conducted on December 10 on each of the local hospitals' Pediatric wards on two meters FM. WBØTIC Gordon is making arrangements.

The Club membership requested a letter of commendation and chastisement to ARRL regarding its new Code of Ethics and the enforcement of same. Sent to the board for action.

WBØYKH Dennis--ARRL Bulletins--ARRL is asking FCC to retain the WR----repeater calls. The FCC denied the use of 225 MHz to CB.

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The PPRAA meets at 7:30pm on the Second Wednesday of each month in the Security Savings and Loan Building, East Platte at Union Blvd.

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NOVEMBER MINUTES con'd: K6DBR Dick--1978 Swapfest is planned for about March 19. Details later.

WBØMHP Doug finalized the detailed planning for the Mall of the bluffs demonstration and Thanksgiving message center for November 12 and 13.

The PPRAA '52 simplex net will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm MST except on Club meeting nights.

The "Hammy" for November was presented to WBØPAJ Frank for his many months of Zero Beat distribution.

KØTER Mike presented a short program on completing the ARRL message format.

WØNGA Bob gave his third and final presentation on microprocessors.  
Gordon Denno WBØTIC, Secretary

- - - - -1978 COMMITTEES, PPRAA- - - - -

(Board Chairman--WBØTAQ)

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Program and Entertainment--Board

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(\* indicates the committee chairman when more than one person is listed on the committee. All members of PPRAA are invited and encouraged to become committee members.)

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The outstanding co-operation of the PPRAA membership and area hams during the recent mall demonstration was an example of what can be accomplished by a concerted effort. Its success greatly benefited the community and the "amateur radio" image.

What a great start for the new club year.

Let's continue the good start by becoming active on a committee. Committees are a membership function in that they provide membership input to the board.

PPRAA NEEDS YOU.  
WBØTIC

AS IF CHRISTMAS wasn't hard enough on the pocketbook,

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(You may unscramble the above into three words to catch the meaning. Ouch.)



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THE BOARD MET on December 5 at Gordy's (WBØTIC) with six members and one visitor. And thanks to Gordy's drive, we will be having our own Santa Project here in Colorado Springs. Three hams will be at each of the following hospitals--Ft. Carson, Memorial, Penrose, St. Francis, and I believe Community--to link up the bed-ridden boys and girls there to Santa via two meter FM. Gordy also has written the letter to ARRL that was requested at the club meeting concerning the ARRL Code of Ethics, and has sent for and received the ARRL training packages for the Novice and General levels, which should be a big help. Doug WBØMHP is making plans for a demonstration at the Citadel for January 5 and 6 from 10 am to 9 pm both days. We've been requested to do this as a part of a demonstration

for the Community Education system, of which our classes at North Junior High are a part.

Gordy presented the idea that we start giving and grading exams as part of our classes, as we are part of an established educational system there. And ARRL diplomas are available for "graduates" of the classes. The January program will be the CPR course, which will be completed the Wednesday following the meeting (place to be announced).

The board is recommending to the Colorado SEC and SCM that Bud Widmar WBØTIB be appointed the new EC (Emergency Coordinator) for Teller and El Paso counties to take over from Rick Simpson KØUZP. We understand that we are doing this with Rick's blessings, and we also desire the blessings of those who are active in SERVCOM and the other emergency and public service functions in the area, since SERVCOM was designed to be the expression and fulfillment of the EC's job.

Local TV and radio stations will soon be added to the Zero Beat mailing list, accompanied by letters from Doug MHP, in hopes of more widespread knowledge of our activities. It appears that wives are thinking they're not welcome at club meetings, and this has inhibited the YL committee. They are by all means welcome, but more than that, we would like them to consider holding a meaningful meeting of their own during part of or all of the regular club meeting each month.

Dave WBØTAQ

THE ANNUAL PPRAA Christmas Dinner was held on December 2 at the Peterson Field NCO Club, as last year. It was well attended and folks had a good time.

FOR SALE: Drake TR-22 2-meter FM transceiver plus six (6) crystal pairs for local repeaters--\$150.


2-Meter Hustler trunk mount antenna and mobile mount for Drake TR-222Xcvr--\$15. Gale Zeiler WBØYEA, 598-4160.

HE GOT HIS LICENSE a year ago as a result of the club's novice class. He hasn't been on the air yet--no rig, no antenna, no time. He runs his own business, and it's not one that leaves him with a lot of time. He would like in the worst way to operate the two meter rig that he monitors as he works, especially when critical situations come up on the roads and highways and no one else seems to be around to reply or give the answer that's needed. Again, working 18-hour days keeps him from his technician license.

Is he even a ham? He's never used his call sign or been on the air. But yes. He is a ham. Most of us are hams because we punch a mic button or make a key fly, we handle traffic or QSO QSO QSO, we like to tinker and build or dress up a station with the best of store-bought. Larry Redinger WBØYNR is a ham because of his insides. He wants so bad to talk on that radio, especially when some folks need help or a chat in the middle of a long night.

How many of us want to talk on the radio that bad? I am ashamed. Here I sit with my fat amateur license with all its "operating privileges," and hardly consider it a privilege at all when I turn the rig on and use it. Is it a privilege to gather DX, to say good morning to a friend on two meters, to run a net, to fire up a creation of your own design, or to simply say "WBOTAQ monitoring?" Remember when it used to be? Studying for the test, waiting for the license to come? How long does it take for the privilege to become a "taken for granted?" How can the privilege be preserved?

Do we deserve an amateur license and its privileges because we passed a test? Because we worked hard at it and studies and sacrificed? No. We on't. (Pause for the uproar to subside.) No, because there's so much more to getting a license than studying and going to Denver and passing a test. We've had time to study. My friend has not. We have minds that are able, (continued on next page)



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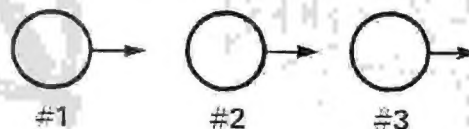
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## LOGIC QUIZ

There are three men standing in a row, all facing the same direction.



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The puzzle is for the men to deduce which color their own hat is. When they were questioned, #1 didn't know, #2 didn't know, but #3 did. What color is his hat and how did he know.

## QUIZ ANSWER

#3 reasoned that if #1 had seen 2 black hats he would have known his was white. However since #1 failed to deduce, he must be looking at either a white and black, or 2 white hats. Therefore, #2 reasons, if he sees a black hat on #3's head he knows his hat must be white. However, #2 cannot answer what color his hat is. #3 hears both #1 and #2 fail and deduces correctly that he has a white hat on.

(from page 5) bodies that are able, live in a country where we're allowed and encouraged, have friends that help us, have the means to get the books to study and the equipment to operate, and a world where radio exists.

This is indeed the "not deserving" season. Thanksgiving is just past. "Thank you," if it means anything when we say it, means "You have given me a favor--something I didn't earn, pay for, deserve." The Pilgrims received from the Indians that which they did not earn. They couldn't have made it on their own. Did we really get our license all on our own? If we can thank no one for our amateur license, then we are saying we earned it totally ourselves and somewhere inside us we are lying to ourselves.

And Christmas is coming. Which of us deserves that gift? Let that gift remind us of all the gifts we have been given, including the privilege of touching and knowing people through mid air. Dear Jesus, thank you for coming. Amen.

*Dave TAA*

(PS: Sorry late again. I think your editor is in love this time.)



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